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FOR MCCALL FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

1. PRINGLE DOES NOT RPT NOT RECALL MEETING WITH JURGUTIS, AND THERE IS NO RECORD OF SUCH MEETING IN CONSULAR SECTION FILES. COULD BENIGSEN HAVE SEEN HER ALONE AND NOT NOTED MEETING FOR THE RECORD?

2. REF PARA 5, STATE 139355. FOR WILLEMS FROM GROSS: CONTRARY TO OUR FIRST IMPRESSION, STATE 138878 SEEMS TO INDICATE TO US THAT THE ACCELERATED TCP PROGRAM WILL IN FACT MEAN SIGNIFICANTLY MORE WORK. BEFORE MAKING ANY DEFINITIVE JUDGMENT, HOWEVER, WE WISH TO SEE THE INS FORMS INVOLVED. WE DEFINITELY AGREE WITH YOU, HOWEVER, THAT WE SHOULD NOT GIVE THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES ANY OPENING FOR BEING OFFENDED BY TREATING THEIR "FAMILY REUNIFICATION" CASES AS "REFUGEES." THEY HAVE ALREADY MADE A LOW-LEVEL OBJECTION TO GEORGE FOURIER ON INS ROME'S PRACTICE OF STAMPING THE WORD "REFUGEE" IN THE PASSPORTS OF TCP CASES. BEFORE WE REPLY IN THE OPEN CHANNEL TO STATE 138878, WE WISH TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE INS FORMS, PRESUMABLY EN ROUTE TO CONFIDENTIAL

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US. AGAIN, MANY THANKS FOR LOOKING OUT FOR OUR INTERESTS.

3. RE VANDERBILT ASSIGNMENT:

(A) PLEASE LET DONALDSON KNOW THAT WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE INTERESTED IN THE FURNISHED HOUSE HE MENTIONED.

AFTER REFLECTION, WE HAVE DECIDED ON UNFURNISHED HOUSE OR APARTMENT AND MAY SIMPLY DECIDE TO BUY SOMETHING IF RENTS ARE HIGH. IF HOUSES OR APARTMENTS ARE REASONABLY AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE, WE WILL BE WILLING TO COPE WITH SITUATION WHEN WE ARRIVE.

(B) COULD YOU FIND OUT FROM DONALDSON OR FSI WHEN VANDERBILT EXPECTS ME TO ARRIVE? WE WOULD PREFER SEPT. 18 AT EARLIEST. MY ORDERS, AS NOW WRITTEN, PROVIDE HOME LEAVE PRIOR TO VANDERBILT ASSIGNMENT. THIS WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE IF I MUST ARRIVE BY END OF AUGUST WHEN UNIVERSITY TERM BEGINS. (WE WOULD INTEND TO COME BY NASHVILLE IN MID-AUGUST, FIND HOUSE OR APARTMENT, THEN RETURN ON SEPT. 18, IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE.)

(C) FINALLY, COULD DONALDSON GIVE SOME INDICATION OF WHAT SORT OF DUTIES UNIVERSITY WOULD LIKE ME TO PERFORM? I AM SOMEWHAT INHIBITED FROM DEALING DIRECTLY WITH UNIVERSITY SINCE I HAVE NO OFFICIAL WORD OF THE ASSIGNMENT (ORDERS READ TO WASHINGTON FOR UNDESIGNATED ONWARD ASSIGNMENT) OR DESIGNATED POINT OF CONTACT. MAYBE CARLETON COON IN FSI COULD ADVISE ON THIS POINT.

4. LODGING IN WASHINGTON: RIVERSIDE TOWERS IS FINE IF ONE BEDROOM SUITE IS ADEQUATE FOR FOUR PERSONS. (WE'LL CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE DAVID AND JOE WITH US; THEY CAN SLEEP IN LIVING ROOM IF RIVERSIDE TOWERS DOESN'T OBJECT.) SHOULD WE SENT DEPOSIT?

5. RE STATE 143726 (VISA AUTHORIZATION FOR TERESHKOVA AND BALAKHOVSKAYA): THE LAST MINUTE AUTHORIZATION ON THIS CASE WAS EMBARRASSING TO US AND RESULTED IN FRANTIC MFA APPEALS ALL OVER EMBASSY. WE ARE CURIOUS AS TO WHAT CAUSED THE DELAY. MATLOCK

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